

In the Specification:

Please replace the following paragraph beginning at page 15, line 10, as follows:

--Figure 8 shows a third example of an embodiment according to the invention. However, this valve device is shown connected directly onto the outside of a wall of a drinking container 32, for example a drinking carton or a drinking pouch. The valve device is pressure-sealingly connected about a ring-shaped perforation demarcation line 34 in said wall, the demarcation line 34 defining an unpunctured puncture area 36 of the wall. Also in this example the membranes 2, 4 consist of flexible, circular surfaces that are substantially parallel and planar, and that are assembled at an axial distance from one another, thereby defining an intermediate reference pressure chamber 6. The outer membrane 2 is recessed within and connected to an outer spacer sleeve 38, while the inner membrane 24 is recessed within and connected to an inner spacer sleeve 40. The inner spacer sleeve 40 is placed at a radial distance inside of the outer spacer sleeve 38, thus providing an airflow passage 42 between sleeves 38, 40. The base of the inner spacer sleeve 40 has been expanded into an attachment collar 44 that is placed in a corresponding internal seating groove 46 in an outer collar 48 of the outer spacer sleeve 38. The base of the outer collar 48 is provided with an external flange 50 for connection to the drinking container 32. The collar 48 is also provided with vents 8 that allow for venting of the reference pressure chamber 6 via said airflow passage 42. Similar to the valve device according to figure 1, the valve device according to figure 8 is provided with an outer membrane 2 with a through-going, open flow pipe 10. The inner membrane 4 is provided with a central membrane opening 12, a secondary sealing body in the form of a sealing lip 16, and also a primary sealing body 18 and connecting stays 20 placed on the inside of membrane 4. In this example, the flow pipe 10 has a conical shape, tapering towards the free end thereof, and the flow pipe 10 is placed sealingly against the sealing lip 16 when the valve device is in a position of rest. Upon activation and opening of the valve device, the conical flow pipe 10 will move axially outwards relative to the sealing lip 16, whereby a vent gap 22 (not shown) is formed between these (cf. figure 4). When the conical flow pipe 10 moves axially outwards, the vent gap 22

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will open further, admitting more air into the drinking container 32. Air thus may pass through the gap 22 during the liquid consumption. In this example, the sealing surface of the primary sealing body 18 is provided with a centring point 52. The other end of the sealing body 18 is formed as a perforation pin 54 placed in the immediate proximity of said puncture area 36 of the drinking container 32.--